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Minutes of Meeting Held in
IAC Conference Room, Administration Building
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1045, 28 May 1957

Director of Central Intelligence
Allen W. Dulles
Presiding

M E M B E R S P R E S E N T

Mr. Hugh S. Cumming, Jr., Special Assistant for Intelligence,
Department of State
Major General Robert A. Schow, * Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence,
Department of the Army
Colonel Harry J. Lemley, * acting for Assistant Chief of Staff,
Intelligence, Department of the Army
Rear Admiral Laurence H. Frost, Director of Naval Intelligence,
Department of the Navy
Colonel Robert A. Breitweiser, acting for Director of Intelligence,
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Brigadier General Richard Collins, * Deputy Director for Intelligence,
The Joint Staff
Colonel E. G. Van Orman, * acting for Deputy Director for Intelligence,
The Joint Staff
Mr. Harry S. Traynor, Atomic Energy Commission representative
to the IAC
Mr. Sam Papich, acting for Federal Bureau of Investigation
representative to the IAC

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1. Approval of Minutes
21 May Meeting
(IAC-M-290)

Approved as written. In this connection, the Chairman read to the members the draft of a letter to the Secretary of State relative to the procurement of foreign language publications, prepared pursuant to item 3 of these minutes. All of the members having concurred in this letter, it was passed to Mr. Cumming for transmission to the Secretary of State, and the Secretary was instructed to attach a copy of the letter to the minutes of this meeting. (See Annex A)

2. Review of Crisis Situations

a. Watch Committee Report
No. 355

Noted.

b. Other Crisis Situations

After noting that he had briefed the NSC on recent developments in Taipei, the Chairman discussed various aspects of this situation with the members, including questions possibly bearing on the origin of the riots and certain resulting security problems.

The Chairman, General Schow and Mr. Cumming exchanged views on various communications difficulties which had arisen in conjunction with current unrest in Haiti. In this connection, Mr. Dulles referred also to discussions within the US Government on proposals regarding reciprocal arrangements with foreign governments relative to certain types of communications facilities. Mr. Cumming then commented on the political situation in Haiti, with special reference to the maneuvers and possible political orientation of Provisional President Fignole.

The members reviewed the situation in Yemen, using as a basis for their discussion a CIA memorandum circulated prior to the meeting. After an exchange of views, the Chairman requested that

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CIA be furnished with copies of specific comments by General Schow and Mr. Cumming on this memorandum. The members then concurred in the Chairman's suggestion that no further action be taken with respect to this memorandum, pending the receipt of additional information as a result of Ambassador Wadsworth's current visit to Yemen.

Admiral Frost noted that the alert status of the Sixth Fleet had now been canceled, and Mr. Dulles and Mr. Cumming commented on reports of Jordanian and Syrian statements regarding the activity of Syrian troops in Jordan.

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5. SEC 3-57: Deficiencies in
Biological Warfare Intelligence
(IAC-D-80/6, 1 May)

In reviewing this paper, the members and [] discussed generally various problems involved in overcoming deficiencies in biological warfare intelligence, particularly difficulties with respect to collection of such data. Following their exchange of views, the members noted this report and approved the recommendations contained therein, subject to the following amendments: (a) Add a new subparagraph 5, a, (8) to read: "Encouraging appropriate exchanges in scientific fields of interest to BW intelligence"; and (b) Change the first line of paragraph 5, c, (1) to read: "Increasing the effort by qualified intelligence."

6. Communications Regarding Mr. Armstrong

After reading a letter which he had written to the Secretary of State regarding Mr. Park Armstrong's contribution to the work of the IAC and intelligence community, and a reply which he had received from the Secretary, the Chairman requested that copies of these letters be attached to the minutes of this meeting. (See Annex B and Annex C)

7. SNIE 100-2-57
Soviet Capabilities
for Deception

In opening the discussion on this estimate, the Chairman noted that, in his opinion, this was an especially interesting and well-written paper, and commended those who had participated in its drafting. Following an exchange of views on the draft SNIE 100-2-57, the members approved this estimate, as amended, subject to a further review by the IAC representatives of Annex E and subsequent IAC consideration of any proposed revision of that Annex.

Adjournment: 1245

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Secretary

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Annex B to
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The Honorable John Foster Dulles
Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Last week Mr. Park Armstrong terminated his work as Special Assistant-Intelligence, and I wish to take this occasion to express to you my own keen appreciation, as Director of Central Intelligence, for the very real contribution which Mr. Armstrong has made in the field of intelligence over the last nine and one-half years.

I have also been asked by the members of the Intelligence Advisory Committee to express the same appreciation on behalf of each of the members, and to send you a copy of the Resolution adopted by the IAC on May 7, 1957.

Mr. Armstrong's professional competence, sound judgment and complete willingness to extend the fullest cooperation to his colleagues have contributed very greatly to the building of the Intelligence Community into an increasingly coherent and effective body. His careful evaluations of complex political situations have materially enhanced the quality of National Intelligence Estimates during a period of recurring change and crisis.

We will greatly miss him, but know that in his future work in the Foreign Service, he will be able to continue his contribution to the work of intelligence.

Faithfully yours,

/s/

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Washington

May 16, 1957

Dear Mr. Dulles:

I was very pleased to receive your letter of May 9 commending Park Armstrong. Your thoughtful personal words and the Intelligence Advisory Committee's Resolution of appreciation together constitute a tribute which Mr. Armstrong well deserves. I am gratified that an officer of the Department of State has been able to make such an effective contribution as to merit this special recognition.

Copies of your letter and the IAC's Resolution are being placed in Mr. Armstrong's personnel file. At the same time, I am also arranging for copies to be sent to Mr. Armstrong.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

John Foster Dulles

The Honorable
Allen W. Dulles,
Director,
Central Intelligence Agency.

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